

What is claimed is:

1. An isolated koji mold having increased protease activity and peptidase activity in relation to a parent strain resulting from transformation with a protease gene and a peptidase gene.
2. The koji mold according to claim 1, wherein the protease gene and the peptidase gene are derived from a koji mold.
3. The koji mold according to claim 1, wherein said koji mold is a member of *Aspergillus sojae*, *Aspergillus oryzae*, or *Aspergillus tamarii*.
4. The koji mold according to claim 3, wherein the protease gene and the peptidase gene are derived from a koji mold.
5. A method of breeding the koji mold according to any one of claims 1 to 4 comprising the steps of:
 - (a) transforming a parent strain of koji mold with a protease gene and a peptidase gene; and,
 - (b) selecting a transformant having increased protease activity and peptidase activity relative to said parent strain.
6. A method of manufacturing a flavor enhancer which comprises allowing a culture product of the koji mold according to any one of claims 1 to 4 to act on a protein.
7. A flavor enhancer obtainable by allowing a culture product of the koji mold according to any one of claims 1 to 4, to act on a protein.